

BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Community Safety Officer Update

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Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to update the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive on Community Safety initiatives including alley gating projects.

Alley gating schemes

Gating Order 44 - Hollins Road/Moorcroft St
Completed.

CSS 1066 – Minor St/Norman St/Emily Close/Clifton St;
Failed to reach the required 80%; with one objection received.

CSS 1061 – Old Road/Grimshaw Street
Completed.

CSS 638 – 27-33 Wesley Street
Consultation commenced.

Gating Order 40– Brookdale Street/Oldham Road
Petition received from local residents regarding the alley gates being constantly left insecure. Despite letters sent to residents/businesses gates are continued to be left insecure. Due to the new legislation all Gating Orders currently in force will automatically become Public Space Protections Orders in October 2017.

However in the interim period, the Council has monitored the closure of alley gates on this particular scheme and are considering replacing the Gating Order with a Public Space Protection Order prior to this date. The terms of these Orders can include persons found to be not locking the gates can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Charge and/or be prosecuted.

Other initiatives

Operation Tuscan – This is still ongoing; dependant on available resources.

Home Watch – The Community Safety Officer in partnership with the Neighbourhood Policing Team are continually encouraging residents to join a Home Watch scheme. Your local Home Watch Meeting is held on the second Thursday of every month at Broadbent Luncheon Club Lord Lane, Failsworth.

Burglary Victims - Security surveys are offered to vulnerable and repeat victims of domestic burglary. Crime Prevention Advice is published on our social media sites and more information can be obtained from the Community Safety Officer.

ASB – A number of Warning Letters have been sent to parents regarding their son and daughters behaviour.

4 youths including a number from the North Manchester area were subject of a restorative justice conference with their parents regarding their behaviour on the precinct.

The police in partnership with other agencies/local businesses continue to invoke a policing plan which covers 4 zones and encompasses certain areas which have been identified as hotspots for anti-social behaviour on Friday and Saturday evenings.. Officers and partner agencies patrol these areas and engage with the youths.

Failsworth Town Hall is still utilised on these evening to assist with the youth provision.

There are a number of complex neighbour disputes currently being dealt with, involving extensive partnership working which require appropriate support and intervention.

See appendix 1 for the Failsworth & Hollinwood youth update

Higher Memorial Park – There are still concerns regarding the number of youths who are congregating in the park. One option to be considered is a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). This is designed to protect public spaces from persistently anti-social individuals or groups. Can include reasonable restrictions and requirements.

New Psychoactive Substances (Legal Highs) – the Community Safety Officer attended a briefing and training day for local professionals; gaining a better understanding of the affects, looking at drug markets setting up drug alerts.

Domestic Violence Training – Full Day

CSO attended this training - Inputs on domestic violence including honour based violence, female genital mutilation and forced marriages.

Signage for Alley Gates - To purchase a further 50 signs at a cost of £16.25 each; total £812.50 shared with Chadderton District Executive to reduce costs at £406.25 each district.

Appendix 1 - Failsworth & Hollinwood youth update Kathryn Bardsley - Youth Development Officer, MADHLO

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum are meeting monthly and are looking to recruit new members as several existing members have moved on or no longer wish to be involved. They are still keen to be actively involved in community events and represent the views of young people in the District. They are also looking to link with school councils in the District

Town Hall provision

Over the last month we have seen numbers drop from over 130 to about 40 young people per Friday night session. Staff plan to organize some outdoor activities, including a barbeque, to attract the members back. Planning has also begun on more structured issue based work with the young people now that relationships have been established. We are also organizing transport for young people who wish to access Mahdlo on other evenings.

Rotary/CMI project (Engage, Develop, Succeed)

This project involved young people from Failsworth and Saddleworth working with Rotary members to develop their skills and achieve a CMI qualification. With the success of the first cohort, OBLG have agreed to fund a second project and we are working directly with Failsworth and Saddleworth Schools in recruiting young people who will benefit from such involvement. The young people will be working on developing a project around isolation of the elderly.

Community provision

Presently supporting Councillors with a view to funding and supporting new youth initiatives in schools and sports clubs. Also visiting existing youth provisions to provide support, information and quality assurance particularly around summer holiday provision.